

CONFESSES TO MURDER; IMPLICATES WOMAN

Magazine Solicitor Says He slew Wm. Blake Before Wife's Eyes and With Her Consent.

Saying that he could get no rest from the accusations of his conscience, George C. Papineau, 1150 La Salle avenue, has confessed to the murder of William Blake, Ravenswood.

He says that he planned the murder with Blake's wife, and that it took place on the north pier, near Lincoln Park, June 6 of this year.

Papineau, who is a magazine solicitor, made the confession to detectives at St. Joseph, Mo. Detectives from the East Chicago avenue police station are trying to verify it today.

"Blake was always beating Bessie—that was his wife's name," said Papineau. "I could not bear to hear of it.

"Bessie and I talked the matter over, and decided he must die.

"One day Bessie and Blake went fishing on the north pier. I was watching, and Bessie saw me, and smiled to me.

"I crept up closer. Blake asked Bessie for something to drink. Bessie poured some whisky into a glass, and I saw her slip some white powder into it.

"Soon after Blake fell asleep.

"I crept up behind him. He did not waken. I struck him once with a loaded cane. I meant to strike him on the head, but I missed, and the blow struck him on the

shoulder.

"I heard something crunch. I think it must have been his collar bone breaking. He groaned, and turned over a little.

"I struck him again with the cane—this time full on the head. He stopped groaning then, and lay very still.

"Bessie and I talked it over, and then we threw the body into the lake.

"I am glad to be able to tell this to some one, because it has been troubling me. I have not been able to sleep right at nights since the thing happened."

Blake was arrested in St. Joseph for impersonating an officer. He refused to tell where Bessie Blake is. He said he had warned her, and that she had fled to another city.

The weather man predicts cold wave for Chicago and vicinity and unsettled weather for tonight, turning to snow flurries Sunday; lowest temperature Sunday morning 20 degrees above zero and as low as 10 degrees Monday morning; severe cold wave for the season; high southwest shifting to northwest winds.



Campbell, head of the Civil Service Commission, is business manager of Hearst's Examiner. But he isn't investigating newspaper sluggers.